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Dear New Readers:

We take this opportunity to thank each of you who have written us expressing thanks for your 1953 subscription to The Dental Assistant. Your statements that you find the journal helpful and informative as well as enjoyable reading are most gratifying.

In the last issue you were extended an invitation to apply for membership in our association. We welcome those of you who accepted this invitation. To those of you who have not yet placed your application, this invitation is still open, and we hope that you will do so soon.

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THE President's PAGE

Dear Readers:

Where are you going or where have you been? Wearing that broad smile, struggling with that heavy suitcase, juggling that hat box and brief case, I would guess it is State Meeting time, and that you are either going to or coming from yours. Correct?

Speaking of meetings, your President will be living out of a suitcase the next few weeks as she plans to attend the Bi-State Meeting of the Kansas and Missouri associations in Kansas City, the Silver Anniversary Meeting of New York, The Ontario Dental Nurses Meeting, the Pennsylvania State Assistants Meeting, then to Cleveland to confer with the various committees in planning our annual meeting, and to meet with our parliamentarian.

Since my last message to you it has been my pleasure to attend the meetings of the Illinois State, Chicago, Wisconsin State, Minnesota State and Michigan State Associations.

I wish it had been possible to attend all the meetings to which I have been invited, but it is impossible to take more time out of the office, and I was forced to decline many of the invitations. To those of you who so thoughtfully remembered me with programs, I want to thank you. Through them I have had a mental picture of the happenings. To all of you, I sincerely hope your state meeting was or will be a memorable one.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! members of the Certified family. Have you purchased your Certification wreath? If you haven't, and you are interested in so doing, you will find full instructions on how to order them within the cover of your new Certified Assistant's Directory, and in this issue of the Journal. Please follow these instructions implicitly.

The WORK year, closing before summer vacations, is to stress LOYALTY. A word defined as "Faithfulness, or true to one's duty." We must first be loyal to ourselves, our own principles, to our associates, and those we serve. Our appearance and conduct within or without our offices either attracts or turns patients away. We must be ever alert. Let us be worthy of the privilege of wearing the A. D. A. A. pin on which the word LOYALTY is engraved. Dedicate your efforts to your employer.

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Did you take time to read the account of the Chicago Mid-Winter conference of Board of Trustees in the March-April issue? Have you noticed that we heeded several suggestions and adopted a new official cap the Kay 105, which is attractive and is easier to obtain in stores throughout the country?

Will each of you as individuals check with your Officers to make sure that each of the following receives attention.

- 1. Send a copy of your program, local and state, to Corrine Dubuc, Public Relations Committee Chairman, to be judged in our contest.
- 2. Bring at least one new member to your society to share in its activities. (Don't forget that for both of these your society may be one of the prize winners, come Cleveland time.)
- Continue to demand good educational features on your programs, and take advantage of the Certification Courses offered you.
- 4. Send a contribution from your society to our Relief Fund, who knows it may be you or me in need of its helping hand someday.
- Take an interest in the revision of the A. D. A. A. By-Laws.
 A well governed organization will progress.

To each of you planning a vacation, I say, "Enjoy it." Notice I said each of you, because I hope that many of you plan to spend your vacation with us in September in Cleveland.

I'll close with a little verse, which sounds a bit silly, but contains some food for thought, never-the-less.

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Just be what you is,

For if you is what you isn't

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Sincerely yours,
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THE "U" IN BUSINESS

By Dr. JAMES COMEAUX Lafayette, Louisiana

Part 2 of an article in which Dr. Comeaux discusses the necessary attributes of a dental assistant to make her indispensable to the dental profession. At the conclusion of the first part of the article he was dealing with importance of developing our personality.

CONCLUSION

Let's turn to some of the elements that make a personality attractive and effective. Regardless of some of the things I've said, you should take full advantage of such physical attractiveness as nature has given you. Help from the House of Coty, the Playtex Corporation, Lever Brothers and your hairdresser should not be scorned. Good grooming, taste and judgment in dress, good posture, good carriage, grace of movement, honest appreciation of your obvious good points, and an understanding of your limitations will help achieve attractive physical appearance.

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Several qualities of personality are closely allied with physical attractiveness. No one can be truly attractive physically unless he has poise and self-confidence. By self-confidence I mean appropriate self-confidence from which all false modesty has been squeezed. Self-confidence is essentially the outcome of belief in yourself. You believe in yourself when you appreciate your own abilities, when you understand and accept your limitations. Too many people have too little faith in themselves. They spend too much time in self-apology, they indulge in excesses of humility. Now a sense of humility has its place in life. Without it we become too easily satisfied, then we stop learning. But there is no place for destructive self-criticism and feelings of inferiority in the personality of a well-adjusted human being. The late S. Parkes Cadman, one of the outstanding preachers of the twentieth century, called self-deprecation

a sin. It is a luxury that you cannot afford; It is a luxury that destroys. Think that over if you have too little faith in yourself.

Poise and self-confidence go hand-inhand. Poise is the product of the mature man or woman. I speak in terms of complete maturity. We achieve poise when there is a right balance among the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual factors in our personalities. One of the tragic oddities of civilized society is the fact that we have churches and Sunday schools to train us spiritually; we have public schools, universities, playgrounds and recreational centers to help us mature our minds and bodies. Yet nowhere is provision made for training and maturing the emotions! Actually one of the objectives of our education endeavors seems to be the suppression or elimination of emotion as a factor in living. No wonder our insane asylums are crowded! Our emotions are part of us. We should train them, not suppress them; we should make them work for us, not eliminate them. There cannot be an effective personality without mature emotions. An emotionally mature individual is one who has learned to live with himself. No one can live or work successfully with others until he has first mastered living with himself. Socrates understood this when he uttered the advice "Know thyself."

Physical attractiveness, self-confidence and poise, complete maturity are coupled with at least another quality of personality—vitality. Vitality implies more than good health and abundant energy, it involves a sense of well-being, the enjoyment of living. A dental assistant without a contagious vitality will not inspire much confidence or hope in a patient about to undergo surgery for an impacted tooth.

One more element of personality is needed to complete the group of what I might call the "public relations" traits—that is social intelligence. That is the psychologist's label. In lay language it is known as tact or diplomacy. It is the quality of doing or saying the right thing at the right time. The special insight which we call tact enables us to choose between the speech that is silver, and the silence that is golden. Social intelligence is a form of applied psychology. Anyone may cultivate it. One of the easiest ways to develop social intelligence is to build the habit of complimenting others. In so doing you become a social detective, ferreting out the virtues of your associates. Paying a compliment extroverts your attention. It is a means of tooting the other fellow's horn instead of your own. Social intelligence requires that you be quick to admit mistakes, that you appreciate the other fellow's point of view, that you respect his ideas as well as his personal worth. Sometimes it demands a vague or guarded answer, or even a white lie to prevent needless injury or offense. In developing social intelligence, learn to do or say something to each person you meet that will make him feel better for having met you. It is in a sense following the Biblical advice to "cast thy bread on the waters."

This rounds out the public relations traits, the elements of personality which enable us to meet people, and adjust successfully to everyday problems in our environment. They are the personality factors which enable the dental assistant to deal with patients. There are traits necescary to the effective execution of her duties. Any employee worth his hire must have drive and initiative, the capacity to get things done, to get them done

promptly, accurately and efficiently. This means the ability to get first things done first, it means the ability to work effectively with a minimum of supervision, and with the minimum time and effort needed to get a job done right. Some people wear themselves out every day with a grat show of doing little or nothing. Some people are allergic to seeking out work; they always have to be told what to do. A first class dental assistant uses her drive and initiative to reduce to a minimum the time required of the dentist to "run" his office. In fact, if she can run the office, the dentist becomes that much freer to concentrate on his patients.

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If a dental assistant enjoys her job she'll do far better work. That means developing pride of workmanship, a quality all too rare today. Enjoyment of one's job and pride of workmanship contribute materially to self-confidence, poise, and enjoyment of living. Physical attractiveness improves, too. A bored dental assistant, or a bored worker in any profession loses all the way.

One of the most priceless elements of personality that anyone can bring to a job is imagination. Imagination is vital to the enjoyment of one's job, it is vital to the enjoyment of living, it is vital to success. You hear employees complain of dull jobs, students griping about dull courses, and speakers wailing about dull subjects. Actually there are few dull jobs, there are too many dull workers; there are few dull courses, there are too many dull students and dull professors; there are few dull subjects, but there are entirely too many dull speakers. What is lacking in each case is imagination. An active imagination can do wonderful things to the quality of one's work, one's morale and one's sense of achievement. In a dental office, an assistant can put her imagination to work to make things more interesting for herself, and to discover improvements that can be made in the management of her boss's business and profession. It seems tragic to me that our schools have neglected imagination almost as much as they have ignored the emotions. Imagination too often spells the difference between success and failure in any activity.

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A good personality must be based upon a strong character. There are three traits of character that should be emphasized in the dental assistant's profession: integrity, a strong sense of ethics, and loyalty. Webster defines integrity as moral soundness, honesty, freedom from corrupting influence and practice. I don't want to sound like I'm preaching, but it seems to me that too many people apologize for such virtues today. The psychologists tell us there are no completely honest people, that even George Washington was not entirely honest in his dogmatic boast in the cherry tree affair. Today honesty may still be the best policy, but it's certainly not the most popular or convenient. Blackmail has achieved a respectable status at state, national and international levels; crime investigations are valuable principally as television shows and launching platforms for Presidential hopefuls; influence peddlers, mink coats, and deep freezers have too often crowded the Korean war from the front pages. There's a notion prevailing that cheating is a sin only if you get caught—witness the sympathy the West Point cadets got. If you steal, you're a fool only if you steal trash. Steal for big stakes and become respectable. People still shrug their shoulders at vote-buying in my state. During our last gubernatorial races, folks talked quite calmly about the prospect of certain candidates selling out; they were even precise about the amounts of money, and the numbers of votes involved. I don't know what the country is coming to, but the dental profession couldn't survive without integrity.

Integrity suggests a strong sense of ethics. Every profession has its code. The affairs of a dentist's patients, the relationship of dentist to patient are all in the strictest confidence. It is dishonorable for a dental assistant to discuss or reveal

details of the doctor's practice, his professional or his private life. The privacy of the Dentist and his patients must not be violated.

There is no integrity or ethics without loyalty. The dental assistant should always speak well of her profession, and do everything possible to develop and maintain confidence in the dentist for whom she works. To speak disparagingly of anyone with whom we associate is only a reflection on ourselves. An employee who does not like the rules of the game in her office should seek to have them changed if she can do so honorably; otherwise she should find another employer, preferably in another field. A dental assistant owes it to herself to be loyal to her profession, her associates, her patients, and her employer.

One more set of traits deserves attention in this analysis of the "U" in business, and the personality of the dental assistant. Everyone needs a sense of perspective and a sense of humor. Everything has its rightful place; putting it there is a mark of the mature personality. An individual without a sense of perspective is about as organized as a pile of sand. One of the best evidences of perspective is a sense of humor. Sometimes humor is the only means of withstanding the pressures of modern living, or hanging on to our sanity.

A sense of humor, and a sense of perspective endow us with a great freedom—freedom from worry. A worried dental assistant worries patient and employer. If she doesn't take herself too seriously, and possesses a sane set of values, she will achieve freedom from worry, improve her personality, and make herself more valuable to her profession.

One of the best antidotes to worry is the ability to make decisions. It is hard to imagine a poised, confident person who is confused and unable to make up his mind. Indecision can be disastrous in a dental assistant's work. She has many responsibilities; she must make quick decisions in many matters such as appointments, the proper approach to inking a contract, the best advice to give a patient when he requests it. When you make decisions you eliminate worry, you work better, you feel better, and you're bound to look better.

A fine personality is useless to a dental assistant unless she puts it to work in her office. A personality doesn't operate in a vacuum; it's not something you put on or take off like a dress. Let's examine the business of putting personality to work in your office, of putting the "U" in your professional business. First of all, you need to learn to observe yourself as you deal with your public, and to criticize yourself constructively. You need to learn to see yourself as others see you. Try hanging a mirror over your desk, or at some other spot where you can watch yourself while talking to patients, or answering the telephone. Watch your face for signs of animation, for friendliness, for smiles. Listen critically to your voice. Perhaps you can persuade your boss to invest in a small magnetic tape recorder so that you can record your telephone conversations and your interviews with patients. The recorder will tell you the truth about your speech as others hear it. These devices will not guarantee you a new personality, but they will help you to evaluate yourself more honestly, and to criticize yourself constructively.

One of the best ways of improving personality and putting it to work at the same time is to cultivate the art of complimenting people. Take a few tips from Dr. George W. Crane, famed psychologist of Northwestern University, and author of a widely syndicated newspaper column on applied psychology. Dr. Crane is also the originator of the Compliment Club, one of the most efficient techniques for personality development ever devised. Anyone can organize a compliment club. You can initiate such a club in your family, or among your associates. The objectives and rules of such a club are disarmingly simple. The purpose is to pay honest compliments to people around

you. You are required to pay one compliment per day to three different people each day, for thirty days. You are urged to keep a record of your observations concerning the people you compliment, and to note carefully what happens to your personality in the meantime. Don't limit your compliments to friends and relatives. It is perfectly proper to praise casual acquaintances, or even strangers. and enemies, as long as your compliments are honest expressions of appreciation. Paying compliments is a method of putting the Golden Rule into practice. Here are the basic "laws" of the Compliment Club:

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Pay direct, personal compliments. If your compliments are blunt, they may be discounted a bit, but it is far better to speak than to remain tongue-tied. Avoid platitudes; make your compliments distinctive.

Ask people for information, advice, directions, or an expression of opinion. A question is a very subtle form of compliment. It implies superiority on the part of the person whose opinion is sought out. In seeking advice, offer your prospect a choice of alternatives, thus making it easier for him to select the better idea or course of action.

Credit your associates with knowledge, experience, strength, and maturity. They are eager to be regarded as intelligent, educated, and wise in the ways of the world.

Intimate to associates that they possess, or once possessed, physical charm or "it."

Compliment the families of your associates, their pets, the products of their labors, their hobbies, and the things in which they strive to excel.

These are the simple rules under which a Compliment Club operates. Notice that the words "flatter" and "flattery" do not appear anywhere in the rules, or in the description of the Club. Compliments are considered honest praise of actual virtues or achievements. Be sincere. Resolve to give verbal bouquets while your compan-

ions are still alive, and may be inspired to better things. Do not permit yourself to be guilty of "idle silence."

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In addition to cultivating the compliment habit, the dental assistant may put the "U" in her professional business by learning to treat all people without condescension. She should deal graciously with everyone, not only the "big shots" but the humble and underprivileged as well. She should be as gracious with children as she is with adults. It is so easy to be patronizing to children, to ignore them, or make them wait until all adults are taken care of first. Those of us in business and professional life should never forget that a child represents an existing family, other children of his age level, and a potential family, with descendants for years to come. The child you snub or ignore today will become an important client tomorrow—for someone

Finally, in putting your personality to work in dentistry, don't be afraid to do more than is required or expected of you. Anything worth doing is worth doing well; do it better than the others and you won't have to worry about your competition or your position. People remember best the person who does a better job, or goes out of his way to be helpful. Whatever you do, don't strut. As John Temple said, "Don't strut. The fact that you have a certain title or position doesn't prove anything, except that maybe in selecting you, somebody made a mistake that will be rectified later."

I recognize that a dental assistant must be one of the most competent and proficient people in the world; we can't let perfumed "nincompoops" meet patients or handle the business affairs of a dentest. But competence and ability are minimum requirements. They must be coupled with a winning personality. A dental assistant with a fine personality is a professional asset to her boss. And because it helps to insure the dentist's success, it contributes to her prosperity and professional well-being.

Happiness is not achieved in dentistry or anywhere else by looking or striving for it. The people who struggle the hardest and most deliberately for happiness are seldom happy. The happiest people are those who develop outstanding personalities, and put them to work among their friends, neighbors and associates. The happiest people are those who first learn to live with themselves, then discover how to live with others. Not everyone in this world may become a personage, but everyone may become a personality worth remembering. Truly big people take time to be human. They put first things first-and people are always first. As Will Rogers put it, "It's great to be great, but it's greater to be human." The philosophy of the Golden Rule is still the best formula for success for dentist and dental assistant alike. A person really stands straightest when he stoops to help his fellow man.

DON'T FORGET JULIETTE SEPTEMBER 25th

As we go through the year 1953, we should give thought to the innumerable hours that it has taken many fellow dental assistants to build what is today this wonderful Association of ours. Realizing the sacrifices that have been made, what more perfect way could we honor our founder, Juliette A. Southard, as well as the A.D.A.A., than to have local societies throughout the country sponsor J.A.S. Birthday Parties. Make your plans now to have a gala celebration. Your Committee will be glad to help you, in the spirit of friendship to our fellow dental assistants, and of loyalty to the A.D.A.A.

> Harriet J. Turner, Chm. J.A.S. Birthday Party Comm. ADAA

LEADERSHIP

By YOLANDA COSENS, Stockton, California

What qualities and characteristics are essential to good leadership?

Leadership demands good morals, clear thinking, unbiased discussions, cooperativeness, a sense of humor; pleasant attitude toward one's subordinates, and fair play.

To make one's self the type of person and to insure the best and utmost usefulness to the position, one should and must be open minded, ever alert to new

and improved methods.

Good character, healthy living, and recreation are essentials in good leadership. The right attitude, a pleasant outlook on life, often-times rubs off a little on our neighbor. Beauty comes from within. If we have a cheerful feeling inside, it is bound to break through and shine for all to see.

Each person should be treated as an individual. Our make-ups are all different, and no set rule is applied in treatment of personalities.

We who are striving for positions of leadership, in our organization, spend much of our time training ourselves in getting to know each and every dental assistant throughout the numerous societies. In doing so we may be able to offer our assistance in many ways.

Recognition of individual differences in learning capacities, and abilities to adapt given knowledge in diversified situations, enables the recipient to progress

at a satisfactory rate.

We must not show favoritism among members, committee members, or elected officers. Each one is deserving of, and should receive, respect, from the leader to the last in line.

Constructive criticism should be given and accepted. Let's be certain it's constructive and if it is not, keep it to ourself. When criticism is offered, let's do it in private. Treat your fellow cohorts as you yourself would like to be treated.

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Be flexible and not dogmatic. Correlate your program to make it workable and feasible.

Do everything possible to make your committee members, officers and members feel wanted. By knowing they have a nitch in the organization, work will flow freely from the individual and will not have to be extracted, by the painful procedure of little talks behind closed doors.

WHAT DOES A FOLLOWER SEEK IN A LEADER?

First, she wants to follow a leader who is not afraid, not afraid of his position not afraid of a tough job, not afraid of honest mistakes—either theirs or hers.

She wants a leader who believes her work is important, and all those who are in it with her just as important.

She wants a leader who can show her how to do the job without showing-off, or showing her up. Also one who is predictable, that is, one she can depend upon to be the same all of the time. Most leaders are not naturally inclined to invent, or become authors, or create new systems, or demonstrate their own personal talents or accomplishments publicly. Neither do they spend much time selling themselves. They have confidence that their work will speak for itself.

Leaders suggest, rather than order. Leaders must plan, direct and super-

A well planned program will not fall apart as it progresses.

Be patient in directing and showing the how's and why's of the job planned.

Delegate authority and responsibility to various members in your societies. It gives them a feeling that some one has faith enough in them to give the persons

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a chance to show what and how much they have derived from the training that has been given.

Give praise where it is due. A pat on the back has never hurt anyone.

One of the outstanding features in leadership is to like people, and along with this goes tolerance and humility and honesty.

The two kinds of confidences one should have are self-confidence, or internal confidence, along with confidence in others, or external confidence.

In disciplinary action, follow simple rules. Get the facts, analyze information, evaluate, be objective and get the other side of the story.

Set a good example for the people

under your supervision. Be on time, greet them and comment on them in some way or another. They are one of the team, and a leader cannot do the work without support from his men.

This brings to mind the famous remark made by a General: "A Commanding Officer is only as good as the men behind him." Think of your fellow members, they have helped you to get where you are. In your teachings, you may someday see one of your proteges in a position of leadership. You have done a good job. You have brought out the qualities in that particular person. You have helped to draw him to the front, and one more leader will have been born.

DRIFTING AND DREAMING

By CORINNE A. DUBUC

Do you recognize those words? It's the title of an old song that is still popular. It's a lovely song, and its theme is very appealing . . . but it's also highly impractical. However, there are some dental assistants who live according to this song. They drift . . . they dream . . . and lead an aimless life that gives no thought to the future. The ending of such a story is invariably sad. Too late, they realize that the days they spent drifting and dreaming were wasted days . . . and the future looks empty and dreary to them. What do they do then? They regret. They regret that they failed to improve themselves. So, hurry, hurry, "It's later than you think." Lend a helping hand to DENTAL ASSISTING. Better late than never! Show your employer just how efficient a dental assistant can become.

When and if your employer refers a patient to a doctor of a specialized field, it is your duty, Miss Assistant, to call the specialist's office and book the appointment. If, on the other hand, your office handles a patient referred by another office, remember to acknowledge this, and all referrals.

When giving directions to another dental office, designate the specific teeth by name. Say the upper right and left first bi-cuspids instead of number 5 and 12 or 4 and 4.

Properly identify and file all x-rays for safe keeping. Never, under any circum-

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stances give a patient the x-rays, nor allow them to deliver same to another office. Use the mails if it is not convenient for you to deliver these personally. Remember, they are your Doctor's property.

If your employer is completing a denture, which is to be inserted by another dentist doing the extractions, deliver it yourself. Go in and get acquainted.

When obtaining histories, find out something about the patient's general health, i.e., heart, lungs, is he a diabetic, etc., and do not hesitate to check with the patient's physician if your Doctor is in doubt. In the case of a pregnant woman, you should always obtain her physician's permission before your Doctor proceeds to extract teeth for her. Call the office, undoubtedly the nurse will give you the information.

Always give due consideration to the reaction of your patients to dental treatment. Do not allow personal feelings to be relieved upon the patient. Mainly, do not let the patient leave your office with the impression that he has been harshly dealt with. Remember, diplomacy pays dividends.

Assist your employer by assuming added responsibilities. Take care of post-operative instructions to the patients. Obtain your Doctor's approval and always give the extraction and surgery patients an appointment for post-operative check up. Impress upon the patient that he *must* return. If the patient does not return for this post-operative check up on him, list your record as "Broken appointment" or "Patient failed to keep appointment" and, you are helping to protect your employer.

Since it is yours, the assistant's, job to collect money, be sure to have a definite understanding with your patients in regard to fees, before your Doctor begins the work, especially if such fees amount to over a few dollars, talk it over with the patient.

Always protect your employer and his fellow dentists, do not criticize them. Learn to respect them all.

Never, never, never address your employer as "Doc." He is "Doctor Blank." Take an interest in your organization and work for it. Surely, you can spare

one night a month to attend a meeting. Youll enjoy it. Try it.

Do not overlook any opportunity to further your education.

Address the Mothers' Club or Student Groups, whenever invited to do so. Then, when "The moon comes over the mountain" and you review the part you played as a dental assistant, you'll be "Sitting on top of the world."

In Memoriam

FAITH CORBETT, a member of the Hartford County Dental Assistants Association, Hartford, Connecticut, passed away January 24, 1953.

"The hearts that always loved you Are the ones that can't forget."

Mrs. Eugene D'Orazio, Chairman A. D. A. A. Necrology Committee VOL

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EDITORIAL

Dentists assist in American Dental Assistants campaign for new members

It is now estimated that there are not less than 55,000 dental assistants employed in the United States. This figure focuses attention on an interesting and productive membership campaign currently conducted by the American Dental Assistants Association.

Last July, aided by the Bureau of Public Information of the American Dental Association, the membership committee of the dental assistants' national organization mailed a return survey card to each member of the American Dental Association asking whether his assistant was a member of her national association and, if not, offering a year's free subscription to the dental assistants' publication. More than 11,000 replies were received from nonmembers denoting interest in membership and copies of the publication. Prompt follow-up by the membership committee has resulted in a gratifying influx of new members. Many assistants, however, still remain unaffiliated with their national and local organizations. It is suggested that the dental employers of these nonmembers acquaint them with the advantages of association affiliation.

Dentists, realizing the importance of membership in their local, state and national associations, are in an excellent position to counsel their assistants and to point out the values that will accrue, not only to the assistant herself, but to the patients, the dental office and to the entire profession with which she is affiliated, through her membership in her national organization.

A few words of friendly advice from dentist to assistant which will motivate her to join with her sister auxiliaries will help immeasurably to raise the level of education, efficiency and loyalty of this great and growing group of indispensable dental aides and both directly and indirectly improve the standards of dental service in the community.

The above is a re-print from the March 1953 issue of the Journal of the American Dental Association.

We appreciate very much this support of Dr. Morrey and the A. D. A. in our 1953 membership drive. Members, be certain that this editorial is called to the attention of the Doctors in your locality. It appeared on page 336 of the March issue.

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Executive Secretary

410 First National Bank Bldg., La Porte, Indiana

New members are being added to the ADAA lists as a result of the intensive Membership Campaign. Be sure that all renewals are also on record, so that there may be an increase in the total membership.

Remember that the closing date for the *cash* awards for membership increase, is July 1st. The totals as of that date will be used to compute the percentages which

will determine the winners.

Questionnaires for information necessary for the Official Program for the Cleveland meeting, have been distributed. STATE SECRETARIES, please see that they are returned by the date requested. LOCAL SECRETARIES, please cooperate with your State Secretary in providing the data requested.

Please make the following changes in your Directories

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MEETINGS OF STATE SOCIETIES

Connecticut Dental Assistants Association— May 19-20, Hotel Bond, Hartford, Conn. Secretary: Margaret Schlegel, 19 Frost St., New Haven, Conn.

Georgia State Dental Assistants Association: October 18-20, Atlanta, Ga. Secretary: Willene Rowan, P.O. Box 94, Adel, Ga.

Kansas and Missouri State Dental Assistants Association Bi-State Meeting: May 10-13, Hotel Continental, Kansas City, Mo. K. S. D. A. A. Secretary: Eunice Snyder, 1005 First National Bank Bldg., Wichita, Kans. M. S. D. A. A. Secretary: Mae Collins, 903 Waldheim Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.

Nebraska State Dental Assistants Association: May 11-13, Lincoln, Nebraska. Secretary: Eleanor Otto, 1700 South 24, Lincoln, Nebraska.

New Hampshire Dental Assistants Association: June 11-14, Mt. Washington Hotel, Bretton Woods, N. H. Secretary: Irene Jarvis, 509 Lake Ave., Manchester, N. H.

New York State Dental Assistants Association: May 12-15, Governor Clinton Hotel, New York City. Ch. of Arrangements Sylvia Hauser, 610 Academy St., New York, N. Y.

North Carolina State Dental Assistants Association: May 17-21, Holly Inn Hotel, Pinehurst, N. Carolina. Secretary: Jean Bullock, 17 Branch Court, Greensboro, N. Carolina.

North Dakota State Dental Assistants Association: May 24-26, Fargo, North Dakota. Secretary: Frankie Tallackson, 1317 Western Ave., Grafton, North Dakota.

Maine Dental Assistants Association: June 25-27, Hotel Somerset, Rockland, Maine. Secretary: Mrs. Goldon H. Monroe, 47 Grace St., Rockland, Maine.

Pennsylvania State Dental Assistants Association: May 20-22, Traymore Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J. Secretary: Rose K. Donohue, 1436 Magee Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

South Carolina State Dental Assistants Association: June 2-24, Folly Beach, S. Carolina. Secretary: Frances Borders, 518 Summit Drive, Greenville, S. C.

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South Dakota State Dental Assistants Association: May 17-19, Rapid City, South Dakota. Secretary: Marjorie Kadinger, 406 Nat'l Bank Ofs. Bldg., Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Texas State Dental Assistants Association: May 10-14, Texas State Hotel, Houston, Texas. Secretary: Lois King, 1228 Medical Arts Bldg., Houston, Texas.

Tennessee State Dental Assistants Association: May 10-13, Farragut Hotel, Knoxville, Tenn. Secretary: Frances Cartwright, P. O. Box 246, Greenville, Tenn.

Vermont State Dental Hygienists & Assistants Association: May 17-19, Woodstock Inn, Woodstock, Vermont. Secretary: Ruth Walker, 99 State Street, Montpelier, Vt.

West Virginia State Dental Assistants Association: July 19-22, Greenbriar Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, West Va. Secretary: Rita Spaniol, 303 Charleston Nat'l. Bank Bldg, Charleston, W. Va.

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Happy is the home
That has standards of its own,
And is not the victim
Of the caprice of the public mind.

For Rome was not built
By such as live by the motto,
"When in Rome do as the Romans do,"
But by people who had ideas of their

The life of such a family
Is built on firm foundations
And its character is like a wall
With stones well chosen and set together.

The unstable are not so,
But are like sand blown by the wind,
And like birs of driftwood
Borne ca a changing tide.

-LELAND FOSTER WOOD

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To: The readers reiceiving complimentary subscriptions in 1953.

Copies of The Dental Assistant are being mailed to you in care of the Doctor with whom you indicated in the survey card you mailed to Central Office that you are associated. Since the first mailing many requests to change these to your residence address have been received by the Editor. Our agreement with the sponsors of this program was to mail the journal to the assistant in care of the Doctor with whom she is associated. We, therefore, can not comply with these requests to mail these to the residence address of the assistant. If you have changed your office address, or place of employment, notify us of this change, giving the name of the Doctor with whom you are now associated, and this change will be made in our mailing list.

ATTENTION: CONTRIBUTORS TO THE DENTAL ASSISTANT

At least once each year we print information on where and how to send material for publication in The Dental Assistant.

May we again remind you-all material intended for the Views of the News Department MUST be sent to the Editor of that department. (Otherwise it can not be included in the issue.) Change of addresses for ADAA members must be sent to the Subscription Manager. Change of Officers and their addresses must be sent to the Executive Secretary of the ADAA. Pictures with checks attached must be sent to the Editor direct.

The following are the required sizes and prices of pictures: full page, 71/2 x 41/2 inches, price, \$10.25; half page, 41/2 x 31/8 inches, price, \$7.35; one-quarter page, $2\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ inches, price, \$6.10. Please do not send kodak pictures unless enlarged. Send all pictures in glossy print. Color tones can not be duplicated at the above mentioned prices.

When possible send pictures for 1/2 page. This is due to limited space in a journal the size of The Dental Assistant. However, do not send a picture of a large group of people expecting it to be greatly reduced. This does not make a clear picture. When in doubt, send the check for a full page, if one-half page is used, you will be sent a refund. No picture will be printed unless accompanied by check.

All pictures received with check attached are printed in the journal, unless through error, or checks are returned. Our files are carefully checked each month to prevent an oversight on this. On occasions it is necessary to hold over a picture for a future issue due to the number of pages in our standard make-up of

the journal.

All material sent becomes the property of The Dental Assistant, and can not be returned to the sender. If you wish to keep a copy of your article, we suggest that you make a a carbon copy before sending it in. Please do not be offended if articles you send do not appear in current issues. The Editor attempts to choose from the files, articles that are in keeping with projects of the ADAA being stressed at press time. An article you send may appear even as late as a year after you mail it. This is no reflection on the article or the author.

Deadline dates must be adhered to in order to keep our news as current as is possible in a bi-monthly publication. These deadline dates are: For the Editor of the Views of the News, the 15th day of January, March, May, July, September and November. For the Editor the 20th day of the same months. With the exception of an intended delay for the report of the annual ADAA meeting, The Dental Assistant is mailed no later than the 15th day of January, March, May, July, September and November. Allow at least one week for your magazine to reach you. This class mail moves slowly at times.

Please keep your Views of the News material current, and as brief as possible, eliminate all social news. Typewrite all material, double space, use one side of the paper only, and send originals, not carbons, when at all pos-

We appreciate your splendid cooperation in sending in material the past year. We need a constant flow of articles to bring you an interesting magazine. Remember the cash prize that is awarded annually to the member who writes the best article published in The Dental Assistant. Keep up the good work.

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Official Call To The A. D. A. A's

29th Annual Convention

This is to notify all members that the Twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the American Dental Assistants Association, will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, September 28th-October 1st, 1953. Official head-quarters, Hollenden Hotel. The Board of Trustees will meet Saturday, September 26th at 1 P. M. The first House of Delegates meeting will be held Monday, September 28th, at 9 A. M. at which time all Officers, Trustees and Committee Chairmen will present written annual reports. All affiliated societies will file the names of their Delegates and Alternates as requested by the Executive Secretary. Every member must present her 1953 Membership card to register at the meeting.

Marie Johnson, President Harriet Darling, General Secretary

The first House of Delegates Meeting is called for 9 A. M. Monday. Therefore if at all possible Delegates should register Sunday. Registration will be open Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. Be prepared to give the mileage from home to the convention and return to be counted in the Convention Attendance Record. The Official Roll Call will be before election of Officers on Wednesday. At all other sessions it will be the responsibility of the Chairman of Delegates of each State Association to see that the correct number of Delegates or Alternates are in attendance. Please have the proper credentials to present to the Registration Committee. Your Cooperation is appreciated.

HARRIET DARLING ,Chairman ADAA Registration Committee

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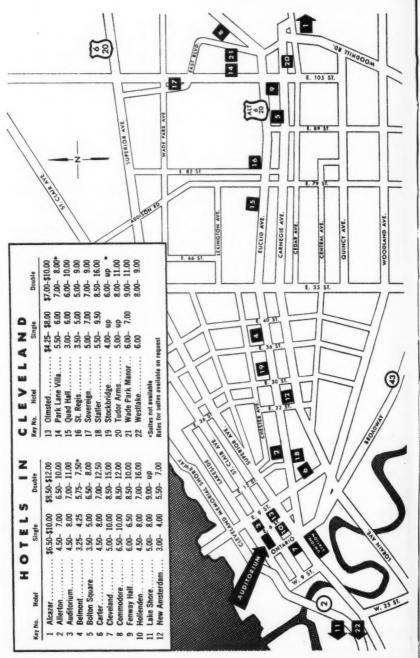
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By ALBERTA REED

With apologies to our President Marie Johnson for using her theme for the year, your Editor has a few thoughts for you.

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FIRST DISTRICT

News from Massachusetts

Theresa Cunningham of the Valley District Dental Assistants Society reports on the March meeting which was their first annual "Bosses Night." This group was hostess not only to their doctors but also to the Trade High School Dental Assistants Class. The guest speakers at this meeting were Dr. G. L. St. Marie and Dr. Robert Pierce of Boston, both post-graduate students under Dr. Hardy at Tufts Dental School. Dr. St. Marie spoke on "The Implant Denture Technique" followed by an interesting film which illustrated his topic. Dr. Pierce, Chief of Central Dental Laboratory, United States Veterans Bureau, Boston, presented a clinic entitled "A Laboratory Technique for Dental Assistants." The April meeting of this group was held in the Oppenheimer Room at the Y. M. C. A., Springfield, and Dr. William Dale presented an interesting lecture as guest speaker. Looking forward to May, the meeting place is the Hotel Sheraton and the occasion

is a gala banquet followed by the installation of officers for the coming year.

The Southeastern District Dental Assistants Society met in April at the office of Dr. Wollison and heard guest speaker Dr. James Radcliffe speak on "The Relationship of Dental Diseases to Heart Diseases." This group is looking forward to their May meeting, to be held at Stone Bridge Inn, Tiverton, R. I., at which meeting they will have dinner and the installation of their new officers. This meeting will end their program until autumn, so reports Loretta Beauregard.

The Metropolitan District Dental Assistants Society held their April meeting at the J. J. Crimmings Dental Laboratory. Their Advisor, Dr. Clayman Levy, presented a delightful and interesting talk on "The History of Dentistry." Election of officers followed this lecture. May brings this group together at the Mary Stuart Room in Boston for a dinner meeting and the installation of officers. This meeting will wind up the program for the current year except that they urge all members to attend the Annual State Meeting which occurs in May. Theresa Brooks sends this news. And Mildred M. Perkins, Publicity Chairman for the Massachusetts State Dental Assistants Association, is the able Chief for these reporters.

News from New Hampshire

It is good to hear from our sister dental assistants in New Hampshire and we find they have been having some splendid meetings. Jeanne R. Paquin, Publicity Chairman for the New Hampshire Dental Assistants Association, reports enthusiastically on the December meeting held at the Franklin Pierce House in Concord, N. H., in conjunction with the New Hampshire Hygienists Association. Miss Audrey Hughes, Professor at Mount St. Mary College, Hooksett, N. H., was guest speaker and chose "The Origin, Uses, and Effects of Antibiotics" as her subject. The traditional Christmas party followed, with gifts for all distributed by Beverly Collins as Santa Claus. In January, this group met at the office of Dr. Adrian Levesque in Nashua, N. H. Guest speakers were Dr. Paul A. Bonlay, Optometrist, who spoke on "Trends in Optometric Thinking" and Dr. Gerald E. Walsh, Optometrist, who demonstrated the various visual examinations and treatments used in this

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field. President Blanche Lavoie served as hostess at the luncheon which followed this stimulating meeting. January also brought the Mid-Winter Meeting held in conjunction with the New Hampshire Dental Society at the Carpenter Hotel in Manchester, N. H. The allday session included many splendid speakers and clinics, including Dr. Neville E. Booth, Professor of Oral Surgery at Forsythe Dental Infirmary, Boston, Mass., who spoke on "The Dentist, Assistant, and Patient," Dr. Daniel J. Holland, Jr., who chose "A Technique of Surgical Orthodontia" as his subject, and Dr. Melvin I. Cohen whose subject was "Orthodontia for Family Dentists." At the luncheon, the guest speaker was Dr. Karl Rund, President of the New Hampshire Dental Society, from Claremont, N. H. February found these girls meeting in the office of Dr. Timothy C. Sullivan in Manchester, with the new secretary, Irene Jarvis, as hostess for the delightful Valentine Party. The Third Certification Course is under way in New Hampshire and is being held in Manchester. These girls re-port that the Southeastern Dental Assistants Society have now started their First Certification Course. Good luck, girls! The March meeting was held in Nashua, N. H., with Dr. Maurice H. Dumas as guest speaker.

News from Rhode Island

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Rhode Island Dental Assistants Association was held January 18-21 at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel in Providence, R. I. Dr. James F. Colgan, President of the Rhode Island State Dental Society, opened this meeting. The dinner dance on Tuesday evening was well attended by doctors, dental assistants, and members of the Rhode Island Dental Hygienists Association. Wednesday morning brought the presentation of seven clinics, including Alice Bellwood with "Pouring of Study Models," Mary Black with "Investing Inlays," Barbara Dawley and Dolores DelNero presenting "X-Ray Mounting," Evelyn Forloni with "Toothbrush Technique," Violet Hogberg with "Pouring of Animal Models," Ann Melino demonstrating "Proper Attire of The Dental Assistant," and Joan McKenna and Marilyn Parr with "Training of the Child Patient." Trophies were awarded to Joan McKenna and Marilyn Parr for their clinic and the Poster Award went to Evelyn Forloni. Luncheon followed the clinic session, honoring President Dortha Wilding. The guest speaker was Mr. Albert Brassard who chose "Public Relations" as his topic. An impressive candlelight ceremony for the installation of new officers concluded this meeting. Installing Officer was Rita B. Bannon and Ann Gorman served as Conducting Officer. Rita B. Bannon, Publicity Chairman for the Rhode Island Dental Assistants Association, sent in this fine report.

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News from New York

As usual, Sylvia M. Weill, Publicity Chairman, sends an inspiring report of the activities of the Dental Assistants Society of the First District, New York, Inc. Their regular February meeting presented an "All Clinic Night" and was well attended. Also in February, this group in conjunction with Brooklyn and Richmond Counties acted as hostesses at the Children's Dental Health Week Exposition. This educational program is sponsored by the Oral Hygiene Committee of Greater New York and was open to both profession and public. Sylvia Danenbaum, their President, spoke on the radio on February 4 under the sponsorship of the Oral Hygiene Committee in the interest of lay education on dental matters and told of the part dental assistants play in educating the public. The March meeting had as guest speaker Miss Goldsmith of the New York Telephone Company who presented an impor-tant topic, "Your Telephone Voice." She showed how a pleasing telephone personality can be developed and stressed its importance to the successful conduct of the office. By means of a tape recorder, Miss Goldsmith pointed out individual errors and told how to correct them. Concluding this meeting, Hazel Maxwell presented a helpful clinic entitled "Hints and Gadgets." Ruth Beck gave a most interesting clinic entitled "Working Appointment Book" in Brooklyn to the Brooklyn Study Club in March. March 17 was the date of "Game Night" and was enjoyed by all who attended. Also in March, the program chairman arranged a class given by the Ritter Company covering the care of equipment and furnishings of a dental office. In addition to the nomination of officers, the April meeting brought guest speaker Mr. Joel Burns, B.A., Teacher of Radiology and Member of the Eastern Society of X-Ray Technicians, who presented a most instructive talk on radiology. The Extension Study Course will hold its final classes on May 5 and 7, devoting these sessions to review. Registration is now open for the Fourth Extension Study Course which begins in September and which is under the supervision of the Planning Committee of the First District Dental Society. Friday, May 15, is the date of the Annual Meeting of this group. It will be held on the 18th floor of the Hotel Statler in New York at 800 P.M. Arrangements are progressing favorably for the dinner to be tendered Mary Kelley on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the New York State Dental Assistants Association on May 13 at the Governor Clinton Hotel and Sylvia Hauser, Chairman, 610 Academy St., New York 34, N. Y., urges all those desiring reservations to contact here at once. At the New York State Dental Meeting, on Friday, May 15, at the Hotel Statler, New York, Sylvia M. Weill will present a clinic on "Aids for Efficiency" which will cover many short cuts and summarize many ideas collected from the experiences of various members. With the closing of the May meeting, all activities of this group will be suspended until autumn.

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Sylvia Schwartz, Publicity Chairman for the Dental Assistants Study Club, Second District, Brooklyn, N. Y., reports on the April meeting of this group at which time a program arranged by the Department of Health was presented. The subject was "Cancer" and was illustrated with two films, "Traitor Within" and "Self-Examination for Breast Cancer." Their Fourth Certification is nearing completion and Examinations will be held on May 22. Commendation is extended to Josephine D'Agostino, Certification Chairman, for her untiring efforts in this cause. This group now proudly claims 65 Certified Dental Assistants.

The New York State Dental Assistants Association is now on the threshold of its Gala Silver Anniversary Celebration for which it has been working and planning and waiting! This will take place May 12-15 in conjunction with the New York State Dental Society's Annual Meeting at the Hotel Statler, New York. Sylvia Hauser is Arrangements' Chairman, Fanny Cohen and Eldora Moore are Dinner Arrangements' Chairmen, and many wonderful plans are now being completed for all who attend. The first day will bring Registration, Annual Board Meeting, Nomination and Election of Officers, a General Session presenting Dr. Robert L. Heinze with "Code of Ethics," and concluded by the installation of officers at a candlelight ceremony. The second day begins with an Executive Meeting, and ends with a Gala President's Dinner honoring Mary Kelley. The third day will be devoted to meetings and lectures. The final day brings the table clinics, lectures and final sessions. This exciting report came from Lee M. Taras, Reporter for the New York State Dental Assistants Association.

Dorothy Mozella, Publicity Chairman for the Nassau County Dental Assistants Society, advises that their March meeting was held in the Garden City Hotel. Guest speaker at this meeting was Dr. William Harrigan, D. D. S., who spoke most interestingly on "Oral Surgery." This group assisted the doctors in charge of Children's Dental Health Week by

taking bite-wings.

News from New Jersey

The new Publicity Chairman for the Bergen County Dental Assistants Society, Vivian Wisnyi, reports on their January meeting held at the Red Lion Inn, Hackensack, N. J. At this time election of officers was held and the new officers were installed. The retiring President, Mary Lacks, spoke words of appreciation and

commendation for her officers and committees and offered congratulations and best wishes to the new officers. A short business meeting concluded the affair. The February meeting was also held at the Red Lion Inn with guest speaker, Dr. Paul Weber, Englewood, N. J. Dr. Weber chose "Slumps in the Dental Assistant and Their Effects on Dentistry" as his topic. Welcome to our "family", Vivian—let's hear from you again.

The New Jersey State Dental Assistants Association held its January meeting of the Board of Trustees at the home of Mrs. Helen MacDonald, Newark, N. J., who is Entertainment Chairman. The Board adopted rules for the presentation of all awards, namely, Largest Increase in Membership, Best Clinic at Annual Meeting, and Attendance at Annual Meeting, They have added a new award this year, calling it the Longevity Trophy. It will go to the dental assistant with the longest years of service as a dental assistant. Nominations for the new officers were presented and the meeting ended with a buffet supper served by the hostess.

April 22 will bring the Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the New Jersey State Dental Assistants Association at the Hotel Traymore, Atlantic City, N. J. Clinics will be presented and posters exhibited. The outstanding poster will be sent to the National Meeting.

The Hudson County Dental Assistants Society held their February meeting on the 13th at which time Dr. J. Grodjexk was guest speaker and chose "Care of Emergencies at the Chair" as his subject. The March meeting of this group heard guest speaker Dr. Walter A. Wilson, Secretary of the New Jersey State Board of Registration and Examination in Dentistry, talk about "The Dental Practice Act as it Pertains to the Dental Assistant."

The Essex County Dental Assistants Society held a Clinic Meeting in January at the Military Park Hotel, Newark, N. J. It was conducted by Barbara Chapman and Nancy Nazzaro who presented "The Dental Assistant

and The Child Patient."

The Southern Dental Assistants Society held its regular monthly meeting in February at the Camden City Free Dental Clinic, Camden, N. J. Charlotte M. Johnson, Publicity for New Jersey State Dental Assistants Association, is the author of this report.

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News from Obio

Your Editor had the pleasure and privilege of attending the Annual Spring Clinic Meeting presented by the Akron Dental Society in cooperation with District No. 1, Ohio State Dental Society and other component societies at the Mayflower Hotel, Akron, Ohio, on March 11. This was a stimulating experience, with many clinics and lectures offered, a lunch-



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Letters are received daily by the Editor and Officers of the A. D. A. A. from our new readers expressing thanks for the complimentary subscription they are receiving this year. Many of these letters also state that the reader is finding the journal informative, interesting, and thought-provoking.

It has pleased us very much to receive these letters. The information of this interest, created among non-members through The Dental Assistant, is most gratifying to the Staff and the Officers of the American Dental Assistants Association.

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eon honoring Arthur Heibert, D. D. S., President of Ohio State Dental Society, and an opportunity to renew old friendships with the 45 dental assistants from this area who registered at this Clinic Meeting. The luncheon speaker was Dr. A. J. Kershaw, West Warwick, R. I., who spoke on "Controlling Our Practices."

The Akron Dental Assistants Society held their Annual Clinic Meeting in February in the Ohio Room of the Mayflower Hotel. Sixteen clinics were presented, preceded by a dinner meting. The clinicians and their subjects are as follows: Laura Armanini with "Surgical Suggestions," Lydia Brandestein with "Helpful Hints," Emelia Hillrich with "Surgery in a General Office," Clara Tomborous with "Indirect Inlay Technique," Pat Hawkins with "Diet and Nutrition," Jean Kalman with "Telephone Courtesy," Isabelle Woodward with "Post-operative Care," Cecelia Walter with "Miss Do and Miss Don't," Imogene Brubaker with "Appointments," Lillian Hoff-

man with "Our Recall System," Elma Willis with "X-Ray Technique," Theda Holsinger with "Home Care of the Mouth," Lois Burton with "Sterilization of Handpieces," Jean Chupak with "Bite Blocks," Helen Thomas with "Mixing Cements," and Marge Burgess with "Collective Ideas." Doctors from the Akron Dental Society served as judges of the clinics and made their decisions as to the best clinic, the dental assistant qualified to be "Miss Dental Assistant of 1953" and the dental assistant deserving the Achievement Trophy. However, their decisions were kept secret until the March meeting. At this March Meeting, the doctors were honored guests at a dinner meeting held again in the Ohio Room of the Hotel Mayflower. This dinner honored retiring President Elma Willis and was also distinguished by the presence of Elma Troutman, Third District Trustee. The award for the best clinic was presented by Dr. R. R. Stinaff to Helen Thomas for "Mixing Cements" and for the second best clinic to Marge Burgess for "ColAss L. Soc Tro

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Lydia Brandestein.

The Cleveland Dental Assistants Society is proud of their President Theresa Archaki who appeared on the Maggie Wulff Radio Program in preparation for "Child Health Day." told how to become a member of the Cleveland Dental Assistants Society and the American Dental Assistants Association. The March meeting of this group brought guest speaker Tom O'Brien of the Wilmot Castle Company who spoke on "Sterilization in the Dental Field." Charlotte Grossman, Publicity Chairman, is the able reporter for this group.

The Dayton Dental Assistants Society held its regular March meeting at the Y. W. C. A. in Dayton. Following the business meeting, guest speaker Dr. J. H. Armacost, President of Dayton Dental Society, presented his topic "Ethics." This group also cooperated with the Dayton Dental Society in their Annual Clinic Meeting in March. Three clinics were pre-sented by the girls, including "Keeping the Doors Open" with Eleanor Sterling as Miss Wrong, Ramona Amon as Miss Right, and Blanche Overpeck as The Patient; "Assisting The Doctor" with Dorothy Miller as Miss Wrong, Elma Troutman as Miss Right, and Ethel Cov as The Doctor; and "Cooperating with the Assistants Society" with Anne Wetzel as Miss Wrong, Mary Frances Biondi as Miss Right, and Mary Louise Tollinger as The President. This fine report was gleaned from the Dayton Dental Society's "Bulletin."

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The Lehigh Valley Dental Assistants Society has put in a busy year since last September including the reading and adopting of their new Constitution, receiving a comprehensive report of the National Meeting in St. Louis where one of their members, Shirley Schaffer, won a prize for her clinic, learning about cancer from a film "Self-Examination" with Dr. William Skinner as commentator, and the Annual Christmas Party. The January meeting of this group included a demonstration by Mr. Horace E. McCready whose topic was "Floral Arrangements Simplified." Each girl left with new ideas for brightening her office and home surroundings. The February meeting brought the film by Dr. Grace on "Dental Assisting" which was most helpful and informative. At the March meeting these girls were privileged to see the film "Plavolex" which is a new synthetic blood plasma used widely by the Armed Forces and manufactured by R. K. Laros Company, Bethlehem, Pa. Mr. Roland Strohmeier, Vice President of the Laros Company, was the moderator. The April meeting

will bring the nomination and election of new officers. And in May the installation of officers and the annual meeting will be held. There will be a lecture on "Hobbies" at this meeting. The Annual Picnic in June will conclude the activities of this group until next fall. Faye Denhard, Publicity Chairman, sent in this fine report.

FOURTH DISTRICT

News from Louisiana

Wylma Jensen, Publicity Chairman for the Louisiana State Dental Assistants Association, tells us of their interesting February meeting held at the home of Bea Johnson, with Bertie Laborde as hostess. The guest speaker at this meeting was Dr. W. G. Allen who gave a splendid talk on "The Importance and Advantages of Belonging to the Dental Assistants Association." The March meeting was held at the Veteran's Administration Nurse's Home under the supervision of Irene Nugent. The film "Dental Assistants—Their Effective Utilization" was the feature of the program. April 30 through May 2 are the dates for the Louisiana State Dental Assistants Association Annual Meeting to be held in New Orleans, La., and many members are making plans to attend.

News from Alabama

Grace Browning, Secretary of the Alabama State Dental Assistants Association, sends us a copy of their Bulletin and your Editor appreciates the space given in it to suggestions for the submission of news to the "Views of the News." It is a great help when component societies and state organizations are interested in getting their news in properly and on time. The Alabama State Dental Assistants Association will hold their Annual State Meeting April 9 and 10 at the Greystone Hotel, Montgomery, Ala., with a tea on Sunday before the opening of the meeting. The Montgomery Dental Assistants Society will be hostess for this affair. There will be a luncheon on Thursday and a gala banquet and dance on Thursday evening. Annie M. Sampley is Chairman of Clinics for this meeting and reports that, to date, eight girls plan to present clinics. Margaret McKay, chairman of the Poster Committee, urges all girls to submit a poster and has put a little spice into the idea by offering \$5.00 to the local society submitting the largest number of acceptable posters. And Mrs. Abbie Pryor, Life Member of this group, has offered \$10.00 to the local society having the largest increased percentage of membership. There's gold in them thar awards, gals, so get busy!

The Certification Study Course started in Mobile, Ala., had 19 girls present at their first class. Congratulations and best wishes, girls! The Cullman, Ala., group is proud of their

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secretary, Margaret Barnett, who spoke to the senior class at Hanceville, Ala., on "Careers in Dentistry." The Birmingham group had a guest speaker for their February meeting. Iva Underwood, State Chairman of the Education Committee spoke on "Good Records Add to the Efficiency of the Dental Assistant." The March meeting of this group was a Night" with three clinics presented. Jean Daniel presented "Letters in the Dental Office," Harriet Johnson spoke on "Fluorida-tion," and Onzelee Blatzer had "Preparing Models." The Birmingham girls are justly proud of Margaret McKay, Earline Ware and Grace Browning who assisted Dr. George Waterman of the Public Health Service in presenting a demonstration of the "Effective Utilization of Dental Assistants." This demonstration was presented to senior and Dental Hygiene students at the University of Alabama School of Dentistry. These girls met March 17 for their annual "Bosses Night" and enjoyed a stimulating program. Mary Dell Robertson presented a paper on "What The Dental Assistant Expects of Her Boss" and in rebuttal Dr. J. C. Fiorella gave his paper on

"What A Boss Expects of His Dental Assistant." Thanks for the news, Grace.

News from Florida

The Broward County Dental Assistants Society had an interesting guest speaker at their regular monthly meeting in March. He was Dr. W. O. Shumpert who presented a lecture and practical demonstration on "The Value of Hypnodontics." The April meeting is planned as a pot luck supper at the home of Mrs. Jack Smith. It will be a send-off dinner for four Broward County members who leave soon for the State Meeting to take their Certification Examinations. Three other members will be participating in the State program this year, namely Irene McLain who will present a clinic, Joanna Minthorm who will give a paper, and Doris Sparks who will exhibit a poster. Donna Goerlitz, Secretary and Publicity Chairman for this group, sends this news.

Betty Macy, Publicity Chairman for the Miami District Dental Assistants Society, reports on their February meeting when 16 girls were presented their Certificates for the satisfactory completion of the Extension Study Course and the passing of their Certification Examinations. Congratulations, girls! They also viewed the film "Efficient Dental Assistant" and concluded their meeting with a business session. The March meeting was highlighted by the presence of Dr. Jack Seitlin who spoke on "Head and Neck Pains Relating to Dentistry." The April meeting is scheduled as "Invite Your Doctor" night and will also welcome prospective new members. A copy of the local bulletin "The Explorer" has been sent to 78 prospective new members and the Miami girls hope to interest all of them in membership. The April meeting will also present a preview of those Miami girls who will compete at the State Meeting, namely Esther Ramsey, Lois Whitford, Janet Cuerier and Jeanette Michel.

The Jacksonville Dental Assistants Society have an enterprising Secretary named Dorothy Warchol. When she could not find any Jacksonville news in the "Views" she sat right down and wrote a letter. Thanks, Dorothy. The January meeting of this group found them viewing the film "Effective Utilization of the Dental Assistant." In February, a lovely candlelight ceremony was the setting for the installation of new officers. In March, all their efforts were devoted to the Cancer Drive and at their regular meeting they had guest speaker Dr. W. C. Sumner who spoke on cancer and also showed the film "Breast, Self-Examination for Cancer." Joyce Wade, Vice President and Program Chairman, has promised an interesting evening for the April meeting when she will present those Jacksonville girls who are presenting clinics and papers at the State Meeting. This group will have four girls sitting for the Certification Examinations at this State Meeting, namely Jean Crumpley, Sarah McClure, Louise Chancey and Shirley Ulsch. Good luck, girls! Jacksonville is proud of the completion of their Extension Study Course this year-of the 13 girls who started, 11 finished their studies.

FIFTH DISTRICT

News from West Virginia

The Huntington Dental Assistants can be justly proud of the Educational Program under way in their programs. They have chosen "Dental Health Through Education" as their theme and are planning programs that are extremely important to dental assistants. For instance, the January meeting brought a timely clinic "Food for Dental Health" presented by Irene Tobin. At the February meeting, Dr. James Rubles, Director of State Dental Health, presented statistics on the need for dentists, hygienists, and assistants in West Virginia and each girl left the meeting realizing the need for every assistant to become "efficiency personified." This meeting ended

with the viewing of the film "Effective Utilization of the Dental Assistant." March brought three programs of interest to Dental Assistants. On March 4, Dr. J. Bernard Poindexter spoke to the members of the senior class of Huntington Central High School on the subject "Qualifications for the Dental Profession." On March 11, Dr. Richard Woelfel spoke at St. Joseph School on "The Importance of Dental Health." And on March 25. Dr. Joseph Thomas spoke to the Commack Junior High School Mothers Club on "Orthodontics." As an added project, the Huntington assistants with the help of the doctors and hygienists are persuading the Parents-Teachers Association, the Mothers' Clubs and all civic organizations to participate in the Dental Health program.

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News from Tennessee

The Memphis Dental Assistants Society held a "Night of Clinics" on February 10 for the purpose of selecting its first and third delegates to the State Meeting. The awards for the clinics were as follows: First-Mrs. Snow Smith; Second—Mrs. Thalia Keck; Third—Mrs. Mildred Brown. Other participating dinicians were Mrs. Lucy Welborn, Miss Frances Ray and Mrs. Julia Queen. The regular monthly meeting on February 17 had as guest speaker Dr. Leonard Bolin who presented an interesting and informative lecture on "Dental Office Management and Dental Radiography." This program was supervised by E. L. Mercere Dental Supply Company of Memphis. The State Meeting will be held at the Farragut Hotel in Knoxville, Tenn., May 10-13 and Peggy La Lance, Fifth District Reporter, urges all dental assistants in this area to plan to attend. Thanks for the news, Peggy.

The February meeting of the First District Dental Assistants Society brought the presentation of competitive papers, posters and clinics and winners were selected to represent the society at the State Meeting. Delegates to the State Meeting were chosen also. Dr. E. I. White, a member of the Advisory Committee for Tennessee Dental Assistants Association, was a guest at this meeting. He spoke highly of the vocation of dental assisting and stressed the advantages of membership in local, state and national associations. Dr. White is a Past President of the Tennessee State Dental Society.

President of the Tennessee State Dental Society. The First and Second District Dental Assistants Societies will be hostesses at the State Meeting in Knoxville, Tenn., May 10-13. The Local Arrangements Committee for this State Meeting include Helen Smith, Chairman and Meresident of the First District Society, Phyllis Hicks, Margaret Winters and Nell Cartwright of First District, and Agnes Beeler, Helen June Weese and Katherine Kincaid of Second District. This committee plus Sue Tipton, Secretary of Second District, Jessie Cox, Presi-

dent of Tennessee State Dental Assistants Association, and Clara Blackwell, First Vice President and Program Chairman, met in Knoxville in January to complete plans for the State Meeting and promise delightful entertainment, interesting and instructive scientific lectures, and splendid clinics for all who attend. Frances Cartwright, Secretary-Treasurer of the Tennessee State Dental Assistants Association, sends us this news.

News from North Carolina

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The Charlotte Dental Assistants Society recently heard guest speaker Mr. Pete McKnight who toured the Near East last spring. Mr. McKnight gave an interesting and educational talk on this very important part of the world. The January meeting brought guest speaker Elizabeth McCubbin, Director of the Family and Children Service of Mecklenburg County. She gave an illuminating talk on the services of her organization. On March 10, this group will complete the Certification Study Course. The North Carolina ADAA Certification Examination will be given at Bumgardners Auditorium on Saturday, April 4, at 1:00 P. M. Plans are going forward with the Education Committee for Dental Assistants of the North Carolina Dental Society to offer an extension course through the University of North Carolina. It is hoped this course will be ready by fall and that all dental assistants will take advantage of this opportunity for further education. The North Carolina State Dental Assistants Association will hold its Third Annual Meeting at Holly Inn, Pinehurst, N. C., May 17-19.

News from South Carolina

The Spartanburg Dental Assistants Society enjoyed an outstanding speaker at their February meeting when Dr. H. B. Higgins, Spartanburg, S. C., related his experiences as delegate of the American Dentail Association to the Federation Dentaire Internationale in London, England, last July. He also told of the six countries he was privileged to visit while on this trip. He illustrated his remarks with many colored pictures of the countries and places he visited.

The Greenville Dental Assistants Society February meeting had Mrs. John Savage, D. D. S., as guest speaker and Janice Davis, President, presided at the business meeting which followed the program. Again Peggy La Lance is our reporter for the news from the Carolinas.

SIXTH DISTRICT

News from Illinois

Harriet J. Turner, Publicity Chairman for the Chicago Dental Assistants Society, senus this report on the Mid-Winter Meeting held in the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, February 8-11. On Sunday morning, Edith Smith, President of the Illinois State Dental Assistants Association, called to order the House of Delegates. After the business meeting, Anne V Zinser spoke on the 13 duties of a dental assistant. In the afternoon, Jeanne Ostermeier, President of the Chicago Dental Assistants Society, gave the Address of Welcome. Marie Johnson, President of the American Dental Assistants Association, presented an inspiring message "Work—Just A Little More." Greetings from the Ontario Dental Nurses and Assistants Association were brought by Sylvania Hazell of Hamilton, Ont., Canada. Dr. Wayne Graham spoke on "8000 Pounds of Groceries," followed by Dr. Paul A. Edmand with "Solving Some of the Problems of the Dentist and Assistant." At 6:00 P. M., at a beautifully appointed candlelight tea, the following girls from the Rock Island District Dental Assistants Societyw received their caps; Alleyne Johnson, Wanda Wilson and Florence Youngren. At the conclusion of the capping ceremony the newly elected officers were installed, with Marie Johnson serving as Installing Officer and Gladys Triphahn serving as Conducting Officer. On Monday and Tuesday, Jeanne Ostermeier, President of the Chicago Dental Assistants Society, called the Mid-Winter Meeting to order and Blanche Sevenhouse, Program Chairman, introduced the speakers who brought interesting and stimulating lectures and clinics to those present. These speakers included Dr. Thomas J. Zwemer, Richton Park, Ill., with "The Child Patient," Dr. Howard Gillett, Aurora, Ill., with "Problem in an Oral Surgery Practice," Dr. H. A. Askey, Lincoln, Neb., with "Good Quarterbacking Lincoln, Neb., with "Good Quarterbacking Wins," Dr. Wm. Heron, Minneapolis, with "Psychosomatics," and Dr. Dorothea Radusch, Minneapolis, Minn., with "The Twenty Carat Wednesday morning, Dr. James H. Smile." Keith, President, brought greetings from the Chicago Dental Society and introduced his fellow officers. Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, Secretary of the American Dental Association and one of the Counsellors to the Chicago assistants, presented his lecture "General Dental Problems." The meeting closed with a luncheon in the Crystal Ballroom of the Blackstone Hotel followed by a fashion show of professional uniforms, modeled by members of the Chicago Dental Assistants Society and sponsored by the Manhattan Uniform Company. Thanks, Harriet, and welcome to our "family."

SEVENTH DISTRICT

News from South Dakota

The South Dakota State Dental Assistants Association Executive Board met in February for a noon luncheon at the Eat Shoppe in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Harriet Darling, General Secretary for the American Dental Assistants Association, was a guest at this meeting. Plans for the State Meeting to be held at Rapid City were discussed and the reports of the chairman of each committee were heard.

The Sioux Falls Dental Assistants Society opened their activities last fall with a comprehensive report of the National Meeting by Ione Powell, State President, heard a report on YWCA activities and projects in October, attended a cooking school in November where they learned to prepare food quickly, eco-nomically and yet retain all the nutrition so necessary to general and dental health, and participated in a bake sale in December. The January meeting found them listening to a representative of the DuPont Company show a film on the making of X-ray film and the proper darkroom technique. "The Well Groomed Dental Assistant' was the topic chosen by Mr. Willard of the Salon Oriel for the February meeting. March brought a program of table clinics presented by Evelyn Boese, Betty Bremer and Ione Powell. The April meeting will be devoted to the completion of plans for the State Meeting.

The Huron Dental Assistants Society held their February meeting at the home of Thelma Seeman. Harriet Darling brought a report of the recently held Mid-Winter Meeting in Chicago. Election of new officers concluded the

The meeting of the Minnesota Dental Hygienists and Assistants Association held in Minneapolis, Minn., February 22-24, was well attended by South Dakota Dental Assistants, including Bonnie Eichel and Rachael White, Parker, S. Dak., Rose DeHeer, Mitchell, S. Dak., Mrs. A. K. Fehlman, Watertown, S. Dak, Mrs. P. L. Scofield, De Smet, S Dak., Marjorie Kadinger, Rosemary Kappenman, Joann Erickson, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Harriet Darling and Merle Andrews of Huron, S. Dak. Speakers on the program at this meeting included Marie Johnson, Portage, Wis., President of the American Dental Assistants Association, Harriet Darling, Huron, S. Dak., General Secretary of ADAA, and Bessie Peterson, Waterloo, Ia., Seventh District Trustee of ADAA. Evelyn Boese of Sioux Falls sent us this fine report.

News from Nebraska

DeLoris Monia, Corresponding Secretary, reports on the activities of the Nebraska Den-tal Assistants Association. They held an Ex-ecutive Board Meeting at the home of Mabel Urwiller, Omaha, Neb., First Vice President. with twenty-four girls present. Reports of Committee Chairmen were heard and plans discussed for the State Meeting to be held at the Lincoln Hotel May 11-13. The survey taken by the National Office reveals there are 87 prospective members in Nebraska. Marie

Murphy, Hastings, Neb., Membership Chairman, is endeavoring to contact each of these girls personally. The Omaha Dental Assistants Society held a Valentine Party at the Regis Hotel in February. And the Lincoln Dental Assistants Society had guest speaker Dr. L. J. Owen, Dermatologist, at their February meeting. His subject was "Dental Infections and Allergy Reactions.'

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News from Arkansas

The Greater Little Rock Dental Assistants Study Club held its February meeting at the Y. W. C. A. with new President Juanita Cox presiding. Guest speaker was Alice Haberle, Dental Hygienist at Fort Roots Veterans Administration Hospital and also an Associate Member of the American Dental Assistants Association, and she presented an instructive program on the proper technique for brushing teeth. The March meeting of this study club was held also at the Y. W. C. A. with a program of roundtable discussion on parliamentary procedure. This was particularly beneficial to all the girls since the State Meeting will be held April 5-8. Bouquets are due to Membership Chairman Doris Barnes and State Secretary-Treasurer Marie Kent for the wonderful membership drive they have made. The State Officers have added two new features to the State Meeting this year, namely a Past-Presidents Breakfast and a Coffee for the Dental Assistants in the Official Suite, both on Tuesday morning. Delma Hopkins, Eighth District Trustee, Kansas City, Kan., will be an honored guest at the State Meeting, Hotel Lafayette, Little Rock, Ark. We are indebted to both Wanda Spires, State Reporter, and Mildred Reynolds, Reporter for Little Rock, for this news. Thanks, girls.

News from Missouri

The Kansas City Dental Assistants Society held its January meeting at the Pickwick Hotel and witnessed the initiation of new members and the installation of new officers at an impressive ceremony. The February meeting brought guest speaker Mr. Walter Krause. Missouri was well represented at the Mid-Winter Meeting in Chicago with four girls from this group attending. They were Berna Jane Prindeville, Mae Collins, Lola Johnson and Betty Patrick. Mildred Holder, Reporter, furnished us this news.

Mae Collins, Recording Secretary for the Missouri State Dental Assistants Association, announces that the next Certification Examination will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, at the Missouri-Kansas Bi-State Meeting on Sunday, May 10, at 9:30 A. M. Thanks, Mae, and good luck to all the girls sitting for their examinations!

The St. Louis Dental Assistants Society's January meeting was indeed a full one, says Marjorie Johnston of Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Three beautifully appointed ceremonies took place that evening. The first was the presentation of caps and certificates by Dr. Paul Ebling to Ruby Rogers, Genevieve Liston, Eileen Sweetenham, Marjorie Johnston, Caroly Roberts, Patricia Milson, Joan Whelan and Marian Algarda. Congratulations, girls! The Initiation Ceremony welcomed new members Patricia Welsch, Margery Plank and Norma Kacinski. And the impressive installation of the new officers concluded this inspiring meeting.

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News from Washington

The Seattle Dental Assistants Society met in February in the Gold Room of the May-flower Hotel. Margaret Wesley, President, presided at the business meeting and the group was presented information covering Bill #92 which concerns the licensing of laboratory technicians in the State of Washington. A portion of the meeting was devoted to a lively discussion on membership. Guest speaker was Mr. M. A. Morton who presented a clinic lecture on a new plastic filling material. Thanks to Janet Keenan for this news.

There is additional news about the Seattle Dental Assistants Society, very well written and very welcome to your Editor, but I cannot give credit for it because the reporter failed to enclose her name. I can only assume that she is Dental Assistant to Dr. Homer Lockett in Seattle since she used one of his envelopes. As Arthur Godfrey would put it "Thanks, A Nonny Moose!" The Seattle girls met again at the Gold Room of the Mayflower Hotel for their March meeting. Plans are being made for a Certification Study Course to be established at the University of Washington starting in November. The staff will have excellent and nationally known teachers and a registration of at least 35 girls will be needed. The course will be limited to girls in the dental profession. Seattle was proud of its fine showing at the Mid-Winter Clinic. First prize was awarded Sally Main, second prize went to Janet Kennon and third prize to Peggy Lee. Guest speaker at this meeting was Dr. Romburger from Firland's Sanitorium who chose "Dental Aspects of Tuberculosis" as his subject. Dr. Romburger told of the area of the mouth where tuberculosis is found, the treatment used, and facts about some of the rare diseases of the mouth.

News From Idaho

Welcome to this column, Lois M. Kunkler, Publicity Chairman! It is a pleasure to have Idaho girls in our news. The January meeting

of this group was held in the home of Shirley Howard, Eagle, Ida. Election of officers was held and then they were installed in an impressive ceremony. Also chairmen of committees for the coming year were appointed. The February meeting, held in the home of Betty Zartman, opened with an interesting lecture by Dr. A. C. Racine on "Tempero Mandibular Joints" and "Cleft Palates." These girls wish to express their gratitude to the doctors of the Southwestern Idaho Dental Association for their cooperation in arranging for the dental assistants to attend their Mid-Winter Clinic. An interesting and informative guest speaker at this Clinic was Dr. C. O. Simpson, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., who spoke on "Radiodontic Procedures and Radiodontic Interpretation." These girls are striving to nurture their young society into a healthy creature and have set eventual Certification as their goal. All your sister-dental assistants wish you lots of luck.

News from Wyoming

Juanita E. Mowrer of Casper, Wyo., proudly announces that the Wyoming girls will be sitting for their Certification Examinations in June, 1953. And they are justly proud of the fact they will be the first group of girls in Wyoming to be certified. Congratulations and best wishes to all of you!

TENTH DISTRICT

News from Texas

The Houston District Dental Assistants Society held its February meeting at Sorrento's Restaurant with President Gloria Reinhard presiding. Program Chairman Francine Finch introduced the guest speaker of the evening, Dr. Marcus D. Murphy, Past-President of the Houston District Dental Society. Dr. Murphey chose "Orthodontia" as his subject and illustrated it with before and after sketches of various types of dental malocclusions. An honored guest at this meeting was Past-President Kathryn Burt. February 28 is the date of the 'Bingo Party' sponsored by Mrs. Verna Beaman and the Texas Dental Supply Company for the benefit of the Houston girls' Fund for the State Meeting. There were door prizes as well as the Bingo games and it was a successful affair, thanks to Mrs. Beaman and Mrs. Frances Lascoe. Dorothy McLeese, Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee for the State Meeting appealed for the help of all the local dental assistants so this might be the most successful State Meeting! Anna White is the reporter for this group.

The Wichita Falls District Dental Society met in January with President Mary Andis Newman presiding. Program Chairman La-Verne Lankford gave a report on the activities of the society for the last half year and urged

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continued cooperation with the society in all its activities. The February meeting was held in the library of the Clinic Hospital with President Mary Newman again presiding. Dolly Hill, Education Chairman, reported that 17 members have been taking the Extension Study Course, six members have completed their studies and plan to take their Certification Examinations in May at the State Meeting. Guest speaker was Letrice Bailey who presented an interesting demonstration of proper toothbrush technique. The March meeting was the scene of the election of delegates and alternates to the State Meeting in May, with Rose Choate, Dudley Arrington and Lorene Cogdell elected as delegates and Letrice Bailey, Mabel Price and Joyce Tucker as alternates. Names to be submitted to the State Secretary for the National Convention delegates were given to Dolly Hill and Letrice Bailey. Dolly Hill, Education Chairman, reported good attendance at the study course meetings with Dr. Harwell presenting the next lecture. The April meeting will be a covered dish dinner at the home of Rose Choate. Thanks to Winnie Ballard, Secretary, for this news.

The Fort Worth District Dental Assistants Society held its January meeting at the A. P. Cary Company with President Fran Armstrong presiding. Program Chairman Virginia Harpstrite introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Mr. Norman Alfe, Interior Decorator, who presented an interesting and enlightening address. The February meeting of this group was again held at the Cary Company and the guest speaker was Miss Madge O'Neal of the Fort Worth Public School System. Miss O'Neal showed colored slides of her recent trip to Europe during which she visited France, Italy, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, Germany and England. It was an interesting and educational experience for all who heard her. Suzanne Carpenter is Reporter for this group. Thanks to Mary Frances Bryant, State Reporter for the Texas State Dental Assistants Association, for compiling all this news.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

News from California

The Fresno District Dental Assistants Society held its February meeting at the California Hotel, Fresno, Calif., with President Mary Reid presiding. New members were introduced by Membership Chairman Helen Eaton. The guest speaker of the evening, Dr. Edna Winters, chose "Tuberculosis" as her topic. A regular business meeting was held at the conclusion of the program. Eleanore Hibbard, Reporter, sent us this news.

The Los Angeles Dental Assistants Society is looking forward to being hostess to the Southern California State Dental Assistants As-

sociation Convention to be held in the Alexandria Hotel, Los Angeles, on April 19-21. Guest speakers will include Dean Robert McNulty, University of Southern California School of Dentistry, and Doctors Robert Ewing, Howard Baker, and J. Donald Shriber. Los Angeles First District Assistants are presenting a group clinic entitled "Assisting in Oral Surgery." Helen Henderson reports to us.

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The Fourth District Dental Assistants Society of Southern California started their 1953 program with an impressive and solemn ceremony designed to install their new officers. It was the traditional Candlelight Service and Magdalene Kreuger Kulstad, President of the Southern California State Dental Assistants Association, served as Installing Officer and Bea Russell, President of San Fernando Valley Dental Assistants, and Edna Wall, Past President of the Fourth District, served as Conducting Officers. Immediate Past President Inga Swanson presided at the Table of Friendship. A delightful surprise at this meeting was a cash gift from one of the doctors who worked so diligently on the Certification Course this year. This gift made possible the addition of a Past President Trophy and a Membership Trophy to the Fourth District. Another gift to Fourth District was a large and roomy briefcase for the use of the President. Honored guests at the installation ceremony included Dr. F. D. Thompson, President of the Fourth District Dental Society, Dr. Howard Lowry, Past President of Fourth District Dental Society, Dr. Miller, Certification Instructor, Dr. Lloyd Mass, Advisor of Fourth District Dental Assistants Society, Dr. Roland A. Grubb and Dr. C. A. Catterlin. The guest speaker of the evening, Dr. Roland A. Grubb, gave a vivid resume of the birth of the Fourth District Dental Assistants Society. The first organization meeting was held in Dr. Grubb's office in September, 1949. The February meeting was held in the El Patio Room of the McDonnell Rancho in Glendale, Calif., in the form of a Valentine Party to honor the new and prospective members. Gen Sands, Membership Chairman, presented the official caps and Dental Assistants Pledge to the new members Louise Collett, Ilse Kramer, Louise Olson, Eva Mas Eshbach, Mary Cody, Joanne Oliphant, Margery Main and Nadine Pike. The March meeting was held at the El Rancho and provided a preview of all the clinics the Fourth District will present at the State Meeting in April. These girls send their sisterdental assistants Happy Easter greetings, says Peggy Kumm Webber, Reporter for the Fourth District Dental Assistants.

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LEARN TO DISTINGUISH. The essential things in life are inward truthfulness, uncompromising sincerity and earnest effort. These are inborn qualities and can be cultivated and preserved. Let's work at learning to distinquish between the essential and the non-essential. This can be done only by rugged daily training. Training is not permitting nonessentials such as petty disagreements, jealousy, envy and false pride to sweep us off the charted course of life, robbing saves many hours of weariness and unhappiness.

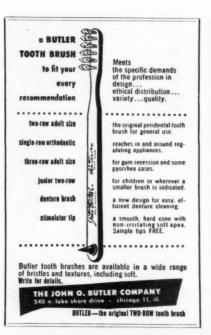
2. LEARN TO ROLL WITH THE PUNCH. This can be done by taking our selves less seriously, by expecting times of depression, fatigue, lowered health and boredom. Consider life an ocean, if you see a big swell coming, ride it with momentarily, then quickly regain your former position and improve it. Given time and a little self-discipline usually restores our balance. Take only enough time during these periods to

reason a bit.

3. LEARN TO ADJUST. Poorly adjusted people are tense and frustrated. To exist peacefully and happily we must constantly compromise. Some do it easily and unconsciously, scarcely giving these daily compromises a moment's thought. Others build up tensions and frustrations to a point where they begin to develop "substitute reactions". We all know our inner feelings, if we have reasons to become tense and frustrated let's find something to do that we enjoy, something that will make life richer for someone else, something creative and worthwhile. This is known as sublimating in a healthful way. It works wonders:

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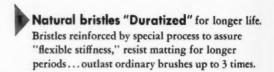
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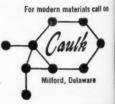
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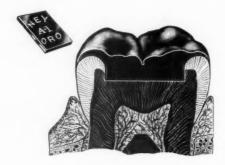
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